

Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 15, being an Act providing that any corporation now or hereafter organized under the laws of this State, authorized to construct, acquire and operate electric railways, etc., and declaring an emergency, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas
Saturday, May 22, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, no quorum present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Brelsford.	McNealus.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson.	Sulter.
Lattimore.	Townsend.
McCollum.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	Wiley.

Absent.

Astin.	Harley.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Harris.
Bailey of Harris.	Henderson.
Clark.	King.
Gibson.	Morrow.
Hall.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Bee.

Recess.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Senator Lattimore, the Senate recessed until 11:30 o'clock today.

At 11:30 o'clock the Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

The roll was directed to be called, the following Senators answered to their names, no quorum being present:

Brelsford.	Johnson.
Conner.	Lattimore.
Cowell.	McGregor.
Darwin.	McNealus.
Hudspeth.	Nugent.

Page.	Townsend.
Robbins.	Westbrook.
Smith.	Wiley.
Sulter.	

Absent.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Clark.	McCollum.
Gibson.	Morrow.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	

Absent—Excused.

Bee.

Recess.

Senator Lattimore moved that the Senate recess until 1:30 o'clock, p. m., today.

Senator Brelsford moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock, p. m., tomorrow.

The motion to adjourn was lost.

The motion to recess was adopted.

At 1:30 o'clock, p. m., the Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

The roll was called. No quorum present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Brelsford.	Page.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Smith.
Johnson.	Sulter.
Lattimore.	Townsend.
McNealus.	Westbrook.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Absent.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Bailey of Harris.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	King.
Darwin.	McCollum.
Gibson.	McGregor.
Hall.	Morrow.
Harley.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Bee.

On motion of Senator Nugent, the Senate recessed until 4 o'clock, p. m., today.

At 4 o'clock, p. m., the Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

The roll was directed to be called. No quorum present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Brelsford.	McNealus.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McCollum.	Wiley.

Absent.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Clark.	McGregor.
Gibson.	Morrow.
Hall.	Page.
Harley.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Bee.

On motion of Senator Nugent, the Senate recessed until 2:30 o'clock, p. m., tomorrow.

At 2:30 o'clock, p. m., Sunday May 23, 1915, the Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby, which was pursuant to the time the Senate recessed.

The roll was called, no quorum present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Nugent.
Johnson.	Robbins.
Lattimore.	Smith.
McCollum.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	Wiley.

Absent.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Bailey of Harris.	Hudspeth.
Brelsford.	King.
Clark.	Morrow.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.

Absent—Excused.

Bee.

On motion of Senator Nugent, the Senate recessed until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

At 10 o'clock Monday morning, May 24, the Senate was called to order, Lieutenant Governor Hobby presiding.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Absent.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Cowell.

See Appendix for Petitions and Memorials and standing committee reports.

Simple Resolution No. 32.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senators Harley and King:

Whereas, There is now pending before the Senate, a matter of vital importance to the Legislature of Texas and to the people, viz.: the modification of the Robertson insurance law;

Whereas, The greatest care and precaution should be taken, in reaching an unbiased and deliberate conclusion; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate, that every member of this Senate be required to disclose his interest, if any he has, in any insurance company, either foreign or local, whether as stockholder, officer, attorney or creditor.

HARLEY,
KING.

Senator McGregor offered the following amendment to the same:

Amend the resolution by adding: That Mr. Shumacher be requested to come before the bar of the Senate and answer such questions as may be put to him touching the meeting between him and the other Texas parties and Robt. Lynn Cox at the Lee Huchins hotel in Oklahoma last fall looking to the passage of the Gibson bill.

The amendment was read, and Senator Gibson made the point of

order that the amendment was not germane to the resolution.

Senator Brelsford made the same point of order.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, sustained the point of order.

Senator Wiley offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by adding the following: "or a policyholder."

Senator Westbrook offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by adding the following: "And resolved, further, that each Senator shall disclose his connection with any public service corporation, in which service he may be employed, either directly or indirectly, before voting on this bill."

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 5, "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years, beginning September 1, 1915, and ending August 31, 1917, and for other purposes, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect thereto, and declaring an emergency."

The House adopted Free Conference report on H. B. No. 3.

The House adopted Free Conference report on H. B. No. 4.

The House adopted the following resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 4, granting leave of absence from the State to Judge Wm. Pierson.

H. C. R. No. 5, granting leave of absence from the State to Judge M. H. Garnett.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Messages From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.

To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in Called Session:

I hereby submit for your consid-

eration a bill to create the Point Independent School District of Rains county, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its discretion provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.

To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in Called Session:

At the request of Senator Hudspeth, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act to create the Independent School District of Buena Vista, in Pecos county, Texas, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature in its discretion may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.

To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in Called Session:

At the request of Hon. W. L. Hill, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act to create a more efficient road system for Waller county, by amending Chapter 134, of the Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its discretion provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.

To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in Called Session:

At the request of Hon. G. W. McKnight, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act to prescribe the conditions and restrictions under which public results, crypts or mausoleums for the permanent interment of human bodies may be constructed, and fixing penalties for failure to comply therewith, together with such amendments, conditions and provisions as the Legislature may in its wisdom provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to validate sales and conveyances of land made by towns and villages in this State which towns and villages were created under Spanish and Mexican authorities and of lands granted by said authorities to said towns and villages, whether also afterwards they were chartered under the General Laws of Texas, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its discretion provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. Stanley Board of Harris, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to limit the number of days per week paid firemen in cities of twenty-five thousand inhabitants or over may be required to work; providing that the city officials having supervision of the fire department shall designate the day of the week upon which each fireman shall not be required to work, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its discretion provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. W. R. Butler, I hereby submit a bill to repeal Section 4, of Chapter 150, of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, and Chapter 13 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature at its First Called Session, amending said Section 4 relating to the payment of witness fees to witnesses residing in the county of the prosecution in felony cases, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature in its wisdom may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. W. R. Butler, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to provide for the redemption, by the owner, of land or lots heretofore sold or that may hereafter be sold to the State, city or town for taxes, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its discretion provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. Geo. W. Dayton, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to grant to the Board of Control of the Girls' Training School additional time in which to use the funds appropriated and donated to the State under Section 11, Chapter 144, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature may in its wisdom prescribe.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. John E. Davis, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to provide for the sale of land that may have been, or may hereafter be, sold to the State of Texas under judgment foreclosing tax lien; providing a method of advertising the same; and also a method of conveying the same, and the disposition of the proceeds of such sale; and freeing such land when sold from any other accrued sale State and county taxes, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature in its discretion may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. J. Rector and Senator A. R. McCollum, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to create and incorporate the Reagan Independent School District, in Falls county, Texas, including the town of Reagan, together with such amendments, conditions and provisions as the Legislature in its discretion may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act authorizing the appointment of a commission to investigate and report upon the inequalities existing in the tax renditions of various counties in this State; to investigate and report upon the advisability of segregating the subjects of taxation to the end that State taxes may be collected from certain classes of property and county taxes from other property; to investigate and report upon means of reducing the cost of collecting the public revenue, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature in its discretion may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Senator Archie Parr, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act amending Chapter 98 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, so as to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, together with such amendments, conditions and provisions as the Legislature in its wisdom may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 21, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:

At the request of Hon. D. C. Dove, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, being an Act to amend Chapter 117, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, together with such amendments, conditions and provisions as the Legislature may in its wisdom provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales and conveyances of lands made by towns and villages in this State, which towns and villages were created under Spanish and Mexican authorities and of lands granted by said authorities to said towns and villages, whether also afterwards they were chartered under the General Laws of Texas or by special laws or acting without being chartered under the laws of Texas, and which towns and villages heretofore made or attempted to make sales or allotments of lands which were granted to said towns and villages by Spain or Mexico, and which grants were thereafter ratified and patented by the State of Texas, and to authorize the sale or other disposition of any of such lands as may not have been sold or allotted by said towns or villages other than the public places in said towns, such as streets, alleys, parks, sites for public buildings and desaguas, and to fix a period of limitation for suits based on junior titles under such towns or villages wherein two or more sales have been made or attempted to be made of the same land; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public lands and Land Office.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.
To the Thirty-fourth Legislature, in
Called Session:
At the request of Hon. R. L. Sul-

livan, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to validate all common school districts in this State heretofore created, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature in its discretion may provide.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

By Senator Johnson:

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district in the counties of Cottle, Dickens, King and Motley, to be known as the Dumont Independent School District No. 1, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Johnson:

S. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4631, of Chapter 4, of Title 68, of Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to grounds for divorces, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Independent School District of Buena Vista, in Pecos County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House Bills and Resolutions Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, referred after their captions had been read the following bills:

House Bill No. 5, referred to Committee on Finance.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Recess.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate, at 12:25 o'clock p. m., recessed until 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

12—Senate

After Recess.

(Afternoon session.)

The Senate was called to order at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Lieutenant Governor Hobby presiding.

Executive Session—Time Set For.

Senator McNealus moved that the Senate go into executive session Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of considering such appointments as the Governor may present to the Senate.

The motion was adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 33.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Bailey of DeWitt:

Resolved, That Governor Jas. E. Ferguson, who is present in the Senate Chamber, be and he is hereby invited to address the Senate upon House Bill No. 6, known as the Gibson Insurance Bill.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Governor Ferguson was presented to the Senate and made an address.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, naming the counties composing the same, and providing for the election of a member of Congress of the United States from each district, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, referred, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

House Bill No. 30, referred to Committee on Congressional Districts.

Bills and Resolution.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Westbrook:

S. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Point Independent School District in Rains County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating all common school districts heretofore formed or established, either by the County Commissioners Court or by the county board of trustees, and all orders of the Commissioners Court or county boards of trustees consolidating school districts within the counties of this State; declaring all bonds heretofore issued by such districts, approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller, to be in conformity with the laws of this State and to be valid and binding obligations on the districts to authorize the issuance of these bonds; repealing so much of Chapter 129, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 2815, of Chapter 15, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to common school districts, and providing that no district shall be so arranged or surveyed or organized that the geographical center of the same shall be more than four miles from its farthest line in counties of less than 10,000 population,' as provides that no common school district shall be organized or surveyed in counties containing a population of less than 10,000 in such a manner that the geographical center will be more than four miles from the farthest line of said common school district; providing for the payment of the expense of surveying and the proper establishment of common school districts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

Simple Resolution No. 32.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, S. R. No. 32, the question being on the amendment by Senator

Westbrook, to the amendment by Senator Wiley.

After prolonged discussion, Senator Lattimore offered the following substitute for the pending amendments to the resolution:

Be it further resolved, that the name of each Senator be now called, alphabetically, and he state what connection, if any, he has with any insurance company, either as agent, representative or stockholder; and that as soon as the last Senator shall have answered, the Chair lay before the Senate H. B. No. 6, which is commonly called the Gibson bill, and that same be considered by the Senate, so that it may be finally disposed of and the people's business and the real business of this Senate may be attended to.

LATTIMORE.**Recess.**

Senator Morrow, at 6:15 o'clock, p. m., moved that the Senate recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Senator Wiley moved that the Senate recess until 8 o'clock tonight.

Action recurred on the longest time first, and the motion to recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Gibson.	Morrow.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	

Nays—12.

Conner.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Johnson.	Smith.
Lattimore.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Westbrook.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Bee (present), who would vote "aye;" Senator Cowell (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Bailey of Harris (present), who would vote "yea;" Senator Henderson (absent), who would vote "nay."

After Recess.

(Tuesday, May 25, 1915.)

The Senate was called to order at 9 o'clock, a. m., Lieutenant Governor Hobby presiding.

Simple Resolution No. 32.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, S. R. No. 32, the question being on the amendment by Senator Westbrook to the amendment by Senator Wiley, and the substitute for the amendments.

Senator McNealus moved the previous question on the substitute for the pending amendments, which motion was duly seconded and ordered.

Senator Morrow called for a division of the question.

Senator Lattimore made the point of order that the previous question having been ordered on the substitute, that the request came too late.

The Chair held that the question could be divided, but that an immediate vote would be taken, under the previous question, on each division of the subject.

Action recurred on the following: "Be it further resolved, that the name of each Senator be now called, alphabetically, and he state what connection, if any, he has with any insurance company, either agent, representative, or stockholder."

That part of the substitute was adopted.

Action then recurred on the following:

"And that as soon as the last Senator shall have answered, the Chair lay before the Senate H. B. No. 6, which is commonly called the 'Gibson bill,' and the same be considered by the Senate so that it may be finally disposed of and the people's business and the real business of this Senate be attended to."

Pending discussion, Senator Bailey of DeWitt made the point of order that it would require a two-thirds vote to adopt the amendment, citing rule 64.

Here the Senate was at ease for a few minutes.

Senator Lattimore made a statement, by unanimous consent, that it was agreed that each side would be allowed one hour and a half to debate the bill, after which the vote would be taken.

The Chair sustained the point of order by Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

The second subdivision of the amendment was then adopted.

The resolution, as substituted, was adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. C. R. No. 4, granting leave of absence from the State to Judge Wm. Pierson.

The resolution was then adopted.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, H. C. R. No. 5, granting leave of absence from the State to Judge M. H. Garrett.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 32.

Action recurred on the subject matter of S. R. No. 32. The roll was called and each Senator complied with the provisions of the first subdivision of the substitute for the resolution.

Senator Brelsford moved that a brief statement of each Senator be incorporated in the Journal, copy to be furnished the Journal Clerk.

The motion was adopted.

Following are the statements submitted by the several Senators:

I represent no life insurance company in or out of this State as attorney or as agent therefor, nor do I owe any life insurance company any money, but I hold forty shares of stock in the Great Southern Life Insurance Company of Texas, and I also have a paid-up policy in the Equitable Life Insurance Association of New York. This is my entire connection with any and all life insurance companies.

ASTIN.

I am a policyholder in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York of an endowment policy fully paid up.

I am not an agent, directly nor indirectly, nor a stockholder in any

insurance company, foreign or domestic, nor am I attorney for any of them. I am not connected in any way, directly or indirectly, with any insurance companies, foreign or domestic, with the exception of being the holder of a paid up policy in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, as aforesaid.

BAILEY of DeWitt.

I have no connection whatever with any life insurance beyond the fact that I hold a policy in the Great Southern Insurance Company of Houston, Texas. I have not in mind the remotest idea of any further future connection with any such company, directly or indirectly.

BAILEY of Harris.

I have no interest, either direct or indirect, in any insurance company, either foreign or domestic, except as a policyholder. I am not attorney, stockholder or director in any character of insurance company. I owe none of them any money. I have a policy of insurance in the Germania Life Insurance Company of New York, one of the companies out of the State, and in the Federal Life of Chicago, a foreign company doing business in Texas, and in the Prudential Life Insurance Company of San Antonio, and the San Antonio Life Insurance Company, now merged, I understand, with the Southland of Dallas.

BEE.

I have no connection, direct or indirect, as attorney, agent, director or stockholder, with any life insurance company, and have never had. I have never borrowed money from any insurance company, foreign or domestic.

BRELSFORD.

I, I. E. Clark, hereby state that I am medical examiner for nearly every company that is doing business in Texas. I own stock in several Texas companies. Hold policy in New York Mutual Life of New York, Mutual Benefit of New Jersey, Bankers' Life. I do not owe any insurance company in the world as much as 1 cent.

CLARK.

I have a policy in the State Life Insurance Company of Indiana and the balance of the insurance I carry is in fraternal insurance companies.

I own no stock in any insurance company. I am not indebted to any insurance company. I do not now and have never represented any life insurance company as agent or attorney or in any other capacity.

R. P. CONNER,

Senator, Twenty-sixth District.

Complying with the provisions of the resolution just adopted, beg to say that I have no official connection with any life insurance company. Own no stock in such company, am not indebted to, or the creditor of, any life insurance company.

COWELL.

I have no connection with any life insurance company in any way.

DARWIN.

I have no personal interest in any life insurance company here or elsewhere.

F. M. GIBSON.

I am not interested in the stocks or properties of any insurance company, either foreign or local. I do not represent any company, either as attorney or agent, except that I have been issued an agent's commission to represent a local company, but have not written any policies or attempted to do so. I have a policy only in a fraternal insurance company.

HARLEY.

I have no connection of any character with insurance companies except two policies in fraternal orders.

HARRIS.

I have no connection whatever with any life insurance company in any capacity.

HUDSPETH.

I do not own any stock in any Texas insurance company or any other insurance company and have no connection with any such company. I have two insurance policies only, and these are both held in eastern companies. I have never represented any insurance company as agent or attorney, and have never borrowed any money from any insurance company.

W. A. JOHNSON.

I am not connected with any life insurance company, except as a policyholder.

KING.

I am not agent for any insurance company nor do I own stock in any. At present I am vice president and attorney for the Southern Co-Operative Insurance Company of Fort Worth. It has never paid me a cent. I am willing to resign either or both positions at any time. This is a little co-operation society without any capital stock.

O. S. LATTIMORE.

Complying with the resolution passed this day by the Senate that each Senator, before voting on the so-called Gibson bill, House Bill No. 6, should state his connection as agent, representative or stockholder in or with any insurance company, I state the following:

(1) I am not now, have not been heretofore, have no reason to believe that I will be in the future the agent or representative of any insurance company anywhere, nor do I own any stock in any company.

(2) I am not now, never have been, and have no reason to believe that I will in the future be the agent or representative of any person in the interest or for the use and benefit of any insurance company nor of any stockholder in any such company.

(3) I do not owe any insurance company any money nor does any insurance company owe me any money.

(4) I hold three policies of insurance in the Aetna Life Insurance Company, which I hope will not mature for a very long time.

(5) I have no interest, past, present or future, direct or indirect, proximate or remote, certain or contingent, definite or indefinite, present, prospective nor potential, in any insurance company, the officers, agents, or representatives thereof, and none in the pending bill other than what I conceive to be to the best interest of the people of Texas and to a conscientious discharge of a public duty.

T. H. M'GREGOR.

I have no connection—directly, remotely or anticipatory—with any life or other insurance company. I have not now, and never have had, so much as 1 cent's worth of life insurance in any company. I do not owe any insurance company so much as 1 cent of money, and never have owed any. I regret that no insurance company owes me any money.

I am absolutely free from any obligation to any insurance company—financially, morally or otherwise.

J. C. M'NEALUS.

I have no direct or indirect interest in any insurance company, and do not represent one in any capacity. The only connection with one is that I have policies on my life aggregating \$5,000.

MORROW.

In making my statement in response to the resolution addressed to all of the members of the Senate, I shall address myself also to a question of personal privilege.

I am not attorney or agent for any insurance company, local or foreign, nor do I own one dollar of stock in any insurance company, local or foreign.

I do not carry one dollar of life insurance with any Texas company. I once carried a policy for \$3,000 with a Texas company, which I permitted to lapse because of my inability to carry it.

I once carried policies aggregating \$17,000 with the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., which I also permitted to lapse. I did carry \$2,000 insurance with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, which policies I disposed of.

I now carry the following life insurance:

With the Bankers Life of Des Moines, \$7,000; with the National Life of Des Moines, \$5,000; with the New York Life of New York, \$3,000; with the Mutual Benefit of New Jersey, \$2,500; with the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, \$2,000; with the Guarantee Life of Omaha, \$2,000; with the Knights of Pythias, \$2,000; with the Woodmen of the World, \$1,000; with the Shriners of Galveston, \$500; or a total of \$25,000.

I regret that the friends of the Gibson bill saw proper on yesterday to go into my private business affairs that have no relation even remotely to the pending measure, or my position thereupon.

About October 1, 1911, before I had even entered the race for the Senate, and before I had even decided to run for the Senate, I owned a plantation of 1,000 acres at Brazoria, in Brazoria county, Texas, fronting two miles on the Brazos river at tide water, all under fence,

finely improved, and one of the richest bodies of land on earth. Needing the money in my business, I borrowed of the American National Insurance Company \$15,000, as I now remember, on six years' time, the interest payable annually, and secured the loan by deed of trust on that plantation.

On August 12, 1912, before I ever entered this Senate, I sold my plantation to A. B. Carr of Houston for \$50,000, as is shown by my deed to him, of record at Angleton, Texas.

He paid me in cash or its agreed equivalent, about \$33,500, and assumed the loan of \$15,000, and the accrued interest maturing soon thereafter, which interest Mr. Carr paid, and I have never been called upon to pay 1 cent of that loan, principal or interest, the payment of which is guaranteed by Mr. Carr, and by that plantation.

Any man on earth, here or elsewhere, who charges or even insinuates that that business transaction, legitimate in every way, has ever corrupted or even influences me, directly or indirectly, personally or as a Senator of Texas, is a miserable, contemptible liar, and a dirty, cowardly character assassin.

NUGENT.

I am not the agent or attorney of any insurance company, either fire or life, nor have I ever been, save that I may have had suits for and against such corporations in the courts. I own twenty shares of stock in the Great Southern Life Insurance Company of Houston, Texas. I have a policy in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. I have no further affiliation with, or relation to, any insurance companies, either fire or life.

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I have no interest in any insurance company.

A. PARR.

I have no special interest in any insurance company. I do not and have never represented any insurance company, directly or indirectly in any capacity, neither do I own any stock in any insurance company, nor have I ever borrowed or sought to borrow any money from any insurance company.

A. C. ROBBINS,
Senator, Ninth District.

Statement of my connection with life insurance companies:

I have \$5,000 in fraternal policies with the following societies: Woodmen of the World, Macabees, and Fraternal Aid Union; also \$5,000 in the following old line companies: Mutual Life of New York, Continental of St. Louis, Mo., and Amicable of Waco, Texas.

I own a small block of stock in the Amicable of Waco.

I am a member of the board of auditors for the Fraternal Aid Union of Denver, Colo. I owe no Texas insurance company any money, except the Amicable is carrying my last due premium at this time.

LON A. SMITH.

My stock and connection with life insurance companies, both within and without the State, is as follows:

I have a paid-up participating policy for \$1,000 in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, on which I have received a dividend of about \$190. I have five shares of stock of the par value of \$10 each in the Amicable Life Insurance Company of Waco, on which I have received a small dividend of \$5, as I remember the amount. I do not represent any company, as attorney, and have no other connection with any company in any way, either as borrower or representative.

I have received quite a number of letters from the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, in which they state, in substance, that it would be very beneficial to the policyholders of that company for the Gibson bill or some other bill—amending or repealing the Robertson insurance law—to be passed by the Legislature. They do not mention cheap money or the best interests of the people of our great State. In fact, that company and all other companies desiring the repeal or amendment of the Robertson law, expect to take more money out of Texas than they expect to invest in Texas. This can not be disputed. I shall, therefore, vote against the Gibson bill and against my best interest, if what the Mutual Life Insurance Company states is true, believing that I am voting for the best interest of all people of Texas.

WILL D. SUITER.

I am not the agent of any life insurance company.

I am not the representative or attorney for any life insurance company.

I am not the owner of any stock in any life insurance company.

I have no money borrowed from any life insurance company.

TOWNSEND.

I have no connection with any insurance company or any other public service corporation.

WESTBROOK.

I am not a stockholder in any insurance company. I am not now and have never been an attorney for an insurance company. I am not an agent for any insurance company.

I am endorser on two small notes held by a life insurance company, secured by a first mortgage lien upon farm land owned by farmers and executed by the owners of the land.

In warding off the effect of the financial crisis of the panic of 1907, I assumed the payment of two notes, one of which was secured by a first mortgage lien held by a mortgage company of this State, and the second note becoming a second mortgage lien and held by an individual. The first mortgage lien note subsequently passed into the hands of a Texas life insurance company, which I am morally and legally obligated to pay, and am in a position to pay if other arrangements satisfactory to me are not made and closed upon that basis.

I hold a policy in a foreign life insurance company which is non-participating, and is not paid up.

I have opposed the repeal or amendment of the Robertson insurance law for many years; in fact, the panic of 1907, a period of distress and great worry to the citizenship of our State, caused, as I believe, by the combination of the New York money trust and the great insurance companies, was and is sufficient to sustain my position, which was announced many times long before my announcement even for the State Senate.

Should I be in need of funds in the future for my own account, for clients or customers, I shall not hesitate to make application to any of the insurance companies, local or foreign, or to any of the mortgage companies.

WILEY.

I own \$250 worth of stock in the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company of Beaumont. I have \$6,000 in insurance in the New York Life on which

I have about \$300 borrowed from the company, and I have a \$4,000 policy in the Great Southern Life of Houston and \$1,000 in the San Jacinto Life of Beaumont.

W. P. HOBBY,
Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Bailey of DeWitt moved that Senators Hall and Henderson, absent on account of important business, be allowed to furnish a statement to the Journal Clerk and that same be printed in the Journal.

The motion was adopted.

House Bill No. 6.

In accordance with the resolution adopted,

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for reports by life insurance companies of their Texas reserve, their Texas securities and their Texas gross premium receipts; to provide for and enforce the payment of occupation taxes against life insurance companies; to provide penalties and remedies for failure to comply with the requirements of this Act; to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and especially Articles 4775 to 4786, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

There being an adverse majority committee report and a favorable minority committee report,

Senator Lattimore moved to adopt the majority (adverse) committee report, and

Senator Brelsford moved to substitute the minority (favorable) committee report in lieu of the majority committee report.

Recess.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate, at 12:15 o'clock p. m., recessed until 1:30 o'clock p. m. today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon, May 25.)

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 23, of the local and special laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, creating the Happy Independent School District, in Swisher and Randall counties," with amendments.

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crowell Independent School District of Ford county, Texas, for school purposes; giving the board of trustees of the said district power and jurisdiction over said lands and territories and the inhabitants thereof, requiring such board of trustees to levy, assess and collect and pay to the treasurer annually a proportionate part of the tax fund existing on the part of said territory and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Greensborough County-line Independent School District, situated in Henderson and Van Zandt counties; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the General Laws; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40 of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Fayette county or any political subdivision of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, or of such subdivision, and to levy and collect taxes to pay interest on such bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways

and means of conducting and supervising said work, and providing a method of making up tax rolls and for deposit and disbursement of said funds and regulation of traffic on said roads, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 6.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, House Bill No. 6, the question being on the motion to substitute the minority committee report in lieu of the majority committee report.

After the conclusion of the debate of three hours,

Senator Lattimore moved the previous question on the pending motions, which motion being duly seconded, was ordered.

The motion to substitute the favorable (minority) committee report for the majority (adverse) committee report was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bee.	McCollum.
Clark.	Morrow.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harley.	

Nays—16.

Brelsford.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	Wiley.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Bailey of Harris (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Henderson (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator McNealus (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Hall (absent), who would vote "yea."

Action recurred on the motion to adopt the majority (adverse) committee report, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Brelsford.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	Wiley.

Nays—11.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bee.	McCollum.
Clark.	Morrow.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harley.	

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Bailey of Harris (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Henderson (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator McNealus (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Hall (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which the majority (adverse) committee report was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

Senator Brelsford moved, as a substitute, to reconsider the vote by which the majority (adverse) committee report was adopted, and spread the motion to reconsider on the Journal.

Senator Lattimore moved to table the substitute motion, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	Wiley.
Nugent.	

Nays—12.

Astin.	Harley.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Harris.
Bee.	King.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	Morrow.
Gibson.	Parr.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Bailey of Harris (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Hen-

derson (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator McNealus (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Hall (absent), who would vote "nay."

The motion to table the motion to reconsider was adopted.

House Bills Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, referred, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

House Bill No. 27, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House Bill No. 22, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House Bill No. 43, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senate Bill No. 14—House Amendments Concurred In.

Senator Johnson made the following motion:

I move that the Senate concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 14.

The amendments were read.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—29.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Morrow.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Hall.

Henderson.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

C. S. for S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain educational institutions and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them, as follows, to wit: University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, State Experimental Station, Prairie View Normal, College of Industrial Arts for Women, Sam Houston Normal Institute, North Texas State Normal, Southwest Texas Normal School, and West Texas Normal School, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully,
W. R. LONG,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 7—Conference Committee On.

Senator Harley made the following motion:

I move that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 7, and request a free conference, and that the following be elected on the part of the Senate: Senators Cowell, Wiley, Astin, Hudspeth, Darwin.

The motion was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 25.

Senator McNealus called up Simple Resolution No. 25, providing for consideration of appropriation bills first before other legislation.

Senator McNealus moved to adopt the report.

Senator McNealus moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call, which motion was adopted.

(President Pro Tem. Wiley in the Chair.)

Senate Bill No. 42.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 37, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, changing the time of holding court in the Thirty-third

Judicial District of Texas, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 42 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.

Absent.

Clark.	Henderson.
Conner.	McCollum.
Hall.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Conner.	Henderson.
Hall.	McCollum.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 42 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 41.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5490, of the Revised Statutes of 1911, relating to bondholder's lien, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey of Harris, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 41 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Hall.	McNealus.
Henderson.	Morrow.
Johnson.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Present—Not Voting.

Conner.

Absent.

Hall.	McNealus.
Henderson.	Morrow.
McCollum.	

Senator Bailey of Harris moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 41 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 20.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 86, of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, relating to the issuance of stocks and bonds by the associations and corporations brought under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission by the said Chapter 86, so as to authorize such associations and corporations to create indebtedness and to issue stocks and bonds in the same manner that railroad corporations are permitted to do under the provisions of the railroad stock and bond law of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 20 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Present—Not Voting.

McNealus.

Absent.

Hall.	McCollum.
Henderson.	Morrow.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Nays—3.

Conner.	Westbrook.
Sulter.	

Present—Not Voting.
Harris.

Absent.

Hall.	Morrow.
Henderson.	Parr.
McCollum.	

Senator Bailey of DeWitt moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 20 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 51.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Westbrook moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 51. (See Appendix for committee report.)

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 51 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Absent.

Hall.	Morrow.
Henderson.	Parr.
McCollum.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 51, a bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Point Independent School District, in Rains county, Texas."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 51 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Hall.	McCollum.
Henderson.	Morrow.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Hall.	McCollum.
Henderson.	Morrow.

Senator Westbrook moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 51 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Cowell:

S. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay various miscellaneous claims against the State, authorizing the payment of said miscellaneous items, except as otherwise stated in the item, on the taking effect of this Act; making appropriations for deficiencies incurred in the support of the State Government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, and for the purpose of meeting emergencies occurring during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Financial Affairs.

By Senator Cowell:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant the board of control of the Girls' Training School additional time in which to use the funds appropriated and donated to the State under Section 11, Chapter 114, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and reappropriating said fund, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 28.

Senator Darwin asked unanimous consent to take up Senate Bill No. 28, but there was objection, and

Senator Darwin moved to suspend the special order of business, House Bill No. 8, and take up Senate Bill No. 28, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Astin.	Nugent.
Bee.	Page.
Comier.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Harris.	Sutler.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattinford.	Wiley.
McGregor.	

Nays—7.

Brelsford.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Hall.	Morrow.
Harley.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6 and 9, of Chapter 5, of the Acts passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, which chapter provides a system of State bonded warehouses, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Darwin moved to adopt the majority (favorable) committee report, with amendments, and that the bill be not printed, but printed in the Journal.

Senator Hudspeth moved, as a substitute, that the minority (adverse) report be adopted.

Senator Darwin moved to table the substitute motion.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled, "An Act making appropriations to pay salaries of judges, and for the support of the Judicial Department of the State Government for two years, beginning September 1, 1915, and ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

Adjournment.

Senator McNealus, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow (May 26) morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Brelsford moved that the Senate recess until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow (May 26) morning.

Action recurred on the longest time first, and the motion to adjourn was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Harris.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McNealus.	Wiley.
Nugent.	

Nays—10.

Astin.	Darwin.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Gibson.
Bee.	Harley.
Brelsford.	King.
Clark.	Parr.

Absent.

Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Hall.	McGregor.
Henderson.	Morrow.

APPENDIX.

Committee Reports.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 47,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal.

Johnson, chairman; Townsend, Parr, Brelsford, Hudspeth, Westbrook, Hall, Nugent, Wiley.

Following is the bill in full:

By Hudspeth. S. B. No. 47.

A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to validate sales and conveyances of land made by towns and villages in this State which towns and villages were created under Spanish and Mexican authorities and of lands granted by said authorities to said towns and villages whether also afterwards they were chartered under the General Laws of Texas or by Special Laws or acting without being chartered under the Laws of Texas, and which

towns and villages heretofore made or attempted to make sales or allotments of land which were granted to said towns and villages by Spain or Mexico, and which grants were thereafter ratified and patented by the State of Texas, and to authorize the sale or other disposition of any of such lands as may not have been sold or allotted by said towns or villages other than the public places in said towns, such as streets, alleys, parks, sites for public buildings and desaguas, and to fix a period of limitation for suits based on junior titles under such towns or villages wherein two or more sales have been made or attempted to be made of the same land; and declaring an emergency.

Preamble. Whereas, many towns and villages in this State which were founded under the former governments of Spain or Mexico, have from time to time, for many years past, sold, or attempted to sell to individuals, or to partition and allot among individual claimants lands granted to such towns or villages by said former governments, and which grants were ratified and patented by the State of Texas, and which have long been held and claimed in severalty by individual purchasers of allottees and their heirs, devisees and vendees and successors in claim of title; and,

Whereas, Owing to misunderstandings of the authorities of said towns and villages of the laws of the former governments and of the laws of Texas, under which they may have been chartered, they may have acted without charter, or under which they attempted to organize town or village corporations and to dispose of said lands, and because of lack of authority in many cases to make said sales, or other disposition of said land, and because of invalidity of attempted incorporations or because of lack of corporate authodity and for lack of jurisdiction of newly formed corporations, in excess of one mile square, over lands which were granted such towns and villages, and which land lay outside of said one mile square; and because of other errors by officials who were not sufficiently learned in law to proceed in accordance therewith, many of said sales or attempted sales and allotments are invalid, and, in many such cases, there are no existing authorities of said towns or villages possessing com-

petent authority to rectify said defective and invalid sales or attempted sales or allotments, for which reasons titles long claimed by settlers under such sales or allotments are clouded and unmarketable by reason of such defects; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That all sales actually made and all allotments in severalty of land actually made to individuals by any town or village in this State of lands granted by any officers acting as authorities of Spain or Mexico, or of any State of Mexico, and ratified and patented by the State of Texas to such towns or villages, or to the inhabitants thereof, be and the same are hereby validated in favor of the original purchasers or allottees from any such town or village, or their heirs, devisees, vendees, assigns or successors in the claim of title which originated out of any such sale or allotment, and whether the sale or allotment was made without authority under the laws existing at the time the sale was made, or without complying with said existing laws, or by a valid or invalid corporation or reincorporation under the General Laws of Texas, or without incorporation, or was invalid because the land sold or allotted lay outside of the corporate limits of any incorporation under the General Laws of Texas, or was invalid for other reasons, and whether or not such new incorporation was valid or invalid, or had jurisdiction to deal with the lands formerly granted to said town or not, and whether such town or village was incorporated or not; provided that when there exist two or more invalid sales or allotments made by any such town or village, the first in point of time only of said sales is hereby validated without prejudice to the rights of claimants under a subsequent sale to establish the validity of the sale or allotment under which they claim or to show that their titles have been perfected under the Statutes of Limitation, if they can do so, with such aid as the invalid titles under which they may hold, if invalid, may afford them under existing laws in establishing their titles under the Statutes of Limitation; but in all such cases the person or persons or corporations claiming under such junior sale or sales or attempted sale or allotment shall bring his suit to establish his title within

one year from the time this Act takes effect, or he or they shall be forever barred from maintaining any suit to establish such junior title, and this whether there be adverse possession thereof or not; and provided, further, that in any case wherein the junior purchaser or purchasers may establish his or their title by judgment of court against such senior purchasers or allottees the said junior purchasers' or purchasers' title shall be held to be valid as against the State and said town or village. No claimant to the title of land shall be entitled to claim the benefit of the provisions of this Act unless such claimant shall have had actual, visible possession of such land so claimed by him, controlling the same under fence or actually cultivating the same for a period of one year next immediately preceding the assertion of such right; providing, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any grant of land made to any individual person or persons under or by authority of the Colonization Laws of the Republic of Mexico or any of the States thereof.

Sec. 2. That the incorporation or attempted incorporation of such towns and villages to whom lands have been granted, as aforesaid, and which are at the time of the taking effect of this Act organized and acting as such corporations, are hereby validated, and are declared to be valid municipal corporations for the purpose of disposing of any lands granted to such towns or villages, whether incorporated or not, other than streets, alleys, parks and other public places in such towns, and desaguas, and whether such lands are situated in the corporate limits of such towns or not, and whether they in fact have any charter or organization now in force or not; this validation of such towns or villages to apply only for the purpose of disposing of lands which such towns and villages may not have heretofore sold or allotted to others or attempted to sell or allot to others; and such towns or villages shall have power to sell or dispose of all such lands as to which they are validated, and which are not within the validating provisions of Section 1 of this Act, owing to there not having been any disposition made or attempted to be made thereof by said corporation, but said corporations are not by this Act validated for any other purpose other

than with respect to such future sales or dispositions of such lands, their validity or invalidity is not to be affected by this Act otherwise than for the limited purpose of disposing of lands which they have not disposed of or attempted to dispose of prior to the passage of this law. And in cases wherein former corporations of such towns or villages have been repealed or abolished by vote of the voters therein without having sold or attempted to sell such lands as were granted to them, as aforesaid, the inhabitants thereof may organize a corporation under the laws now in force as to the incorporation of towns and villages, which corporations when thus organized shall have power to sell any lands granted and patented, as aforesaid, whether the land be situated within the boundaries of such corporations or not, except as some prior corporation or town or village organization may have sold or attempted to sell, and except said public streets, alleys, parks, desaguas, and other public places.

Sec. 3. The fact that many small tracts of land are held and have been long held by occupants thereof under such invalid sales and allotments as are mentioned in Section 1 of this Act, and are now becoming of great value, but can not be marketed or improved by loans made thereon, because of the clouds aforesaid existing on the titles thereof, creates an imperative public necessity and an emergency requiring that the rule requiring the reading of bills on three several days before their passage into laws be and the same is hereby suspended, and requiring that this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating all common school districts heretofore formed or established, either by the County Commissioners Court or by the county board of trustees, and all orders of the Commissioners Courts or county boards of trustees consolidating school districts within the counties of this State, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, but printed in the Journal.

Bee, Chairman; Gibson, Cowell, Johnson, Astin, Robbins, Harley, Smith, Darwin, McGregor, Bailey of Harris, Morrow.

Following is the bill in full:

By Hudspeth.

S. B. No. 52.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act validating all common school districts heretofore formed or established, either by the County Commissioners Court or by the county board of trustees, and all orders of the Commissioners Courts or county boards of trustees consolidating school districts within the counties of this State; declaring all bonds heretofore issued by such districts, approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller, to be in conformity with the laws of this State and to be valid and binding obligations on the districts issuing same; validating all elections in said districts to authorize the issuance of these bonds; repealing so much of Chapter 129, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to amend Article 2815, of Chapter 15, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to common school districts, and providing that no district shall be so arranged or surveyed or organized that the geographical center of the same shall be more than four miles from its farthest line in counties of less than 10,000 population,' as provides that no common school district shall be organized or surveyed, in counties containing a population of less than 10,000, in such a manner that the geographical center will be more than four miles from the farthest line of said common school district; providing for the payment of the expense of surveying and the proper establishment of common school districts of this State, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That all common school districts heretofore established or at-

tempted to be established, whether the territory hereof be embraced wholly within one county, or within two or more counties of this State, and whether so established or attempted to be established by order of the County Commissioners Court, or by the county board of trustees, and all orders of the Commissioners Courts or county boards of trustees consolidating school districts within the counties of this State, are hereby validated and declared to be, and from their formation to have been, valid and lawful districts.

Sec. 2. All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing them; and all proceedings had by such districts in the matter of elections to authorize the issuance of bonds for purposes now authorized by law are hereby validated and declared to be, and to have been, in all things legally done.

Sec. 3. That so much of Chapter 129 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled "An Act to amend Article 2815, of Chapter 15, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to common school districts and providing that no district shall be so arranged or surveyed or organized that the geographical center of the same shall be more than four miles from its farthest line in counties of less than 10,000 population," as provides that in counties containing a population of less than 10,000 no common school district shall be organized or surveyed in such a manner that the geographical center of the same will be more than four miles from the farthest line of said common school district, is hereby specifically repealed.

Sec. 4. It is hereby made the duty of the Commissioners Courts of the respective counties in this State to provide for the payment, out of the general funds of the county, of the expense of surveying and the proper establishment of common school districts of this State.

Sec. 5. The fact that the interests of education demand the passage of this law creates an emergency and an

imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule which requires bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom has been referred

H. C. R. No. 4, a resolution "Granting leave of absence to Hon. William Pierson, District Judge, Eighth Judicial District,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Nugent, Chairman; King, Gibson, Bailey of Harris, Conner, Suiter, Darwin, Parr.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Point Independent School District of Rains County; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the General Laws; providing that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of Point Common School District No. 2 of Rains County shall be validated and made a valid obligation against the Point Independent School District of Rains County; providing for a board of trustees therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Parr, Chairman; Cowell, Conner, Clark, Gibson, Smith.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the payment of principal that has become due on former sales of lands belonging to the public free school fund, University fund, and the several asylum funds, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Independent School District of Buena Vista, in Pecos County, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Johnson, Astin, McGregor, Morrow, Smith, Bailey of Harris, Cowell.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, have had the same under consideration, and we beg leave to report the resolution back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Nugent, Chairman; Darwin, Gibson, Conner, Sulter, Parr, Bailey of Harris, King.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, naming the counties composing the

same, and providing for the election of a member of the Congress of the United States from each district, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report that the Senate bill substitute therefor be not passed.

Respectfully submitted,
ASTIN.
McNEALUS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 24, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Congressional Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 30,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the following substitute do pass in its stead:

CONNER, Chairman.

Committee Substitute.

Strike out all of H. B. No. 30 after the enacting clause, and submit the following:

Section 1. That until otherwise provided by law, the State of Texas shall be apportioned into the following congressional districts, each of which shall be entitled to elect one member to the Congress of the United States.

First. The following counties shall compose the First District, to-wit: Bowie, Red River, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Camp, Morris, Cass, Marion and Harrison.

Second. The following counties shall compose the Second District, to-wit: Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Cralge, Jefferson, Hardin, Tyler, Angelina, Nacogdoches, and Cherokee.

Third. The following counties shall compose the Third District, to-wit: Kaufman, Van Zandt, Wood, Upshur, Smith, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, and Raines.

Fourth. The following counties shall compose the Fourth District, to-wit: Fannin, Grayson, Collin, and Hunt.

Fifth. The following counties shall compose the Fifth District, to-wit: Dallas, Ellis, Rockwall, and Johnson.

Sixth. The following counties shall compose the Sixth District, to-wit: Hill, Navarro, Freestone, Limestone, Robertson, Brazos, and Milam.

Seventh. The following counties shall compose the Seventh District, to-wit: Galveston, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Trinity, Houston, Anderson, Leon, Madison, Walker, Grimes and Montgomery.

Eighth. The following counties shall compose the Eighth District to-wit: Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Austin, and Waller.

Ninth. The following counties shall compose the Ninth District, to-wit: Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Lavaca, Gonzales, Victoria, and Calhoun.

Tenth. The following counties shall compose the Tenth District, to-wit: Washington, Burleson, Lee, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williams.

Eleventh. The following counties shall compose the Eleventh District, to-wit: Bell, Coryell, Bosque, McLennan, and Falls.

Twelfth. The following counties shall compose the Twelfth District, to-wit: Erath, Comanche, Hamilton, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Mills, Burnet, Llano, Lampasas, Hood, and Somervell.

Thirteenth. The following counties shall compose the Thirteenth District, to-wit: Montague, Wise, Denton, Tarrant, Parker, and Cook.

Fourteenth. The following counties shall compose the Fourteenth District, to-wit: Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad, Bee, Karnes, Wilson, Bexar, Comal, Kendall, Blanco, Guadalupe, Nueces, and Dimmitt.

Fifteenth. The following counties shall compose the Fifteenth District, to-wit: Cameron, Willacy, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Brookes, Hidalgo, Starr, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Webb, Duval, Live Oak, McMullen, La Salle, Dimmitt, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Medina, and Uvalde.

Sixteenth. The following counties shall compose the Sixteenth District, to-wit: Kinney, Val Verde, Edwards, Kerr, Real, Gillespie, Bandera, Kimble, Sutton, Mason, Menard, Schleicher, Crockett, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, El Paso, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Andrews, Mar-

tin, Howard, Mitchell, Jeff Davis, Presidio, and Brewster.

Seventeenth. The following counties shall compose the Seventeenth District, to-wit: Wichita, Clay, Archer, Young, Jack, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Stephens, Throckmorton, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor, and Callahan.

Eighteenth. The following counties shall compose the Eighteenth District, to-wit: Wilbarger, Baylor, Hardeman, Knox, Ford, King, Dawson, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Stonewall, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Childress, Hall, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Palmer, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Gray, Carson, Potter, Oldham, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hansford, Sherman, Dallam, and Nolan.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crowell Independent School District, of Ford county, Texas, for school purposes, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Astin, Robbins, Bailey of Harris.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have compared Senate Bill No. 41, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 22, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Sen-

ate Bill No. 23, being "An Act to amend Chapter 26, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, for the purpose of constructing a dry dock," etc., and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Page offered twenty-three telegrams opposing the Gibson bill from the following persons of Houston: W. C. Munn and A. K. Brookshire, S. F. Carter, J. S. Cullinan, M. E. Foster, Jesse H. Jones, Jno. H. Kirby, J. B. Marmion, C. A. Teagle, G. B. Jounay et al., H. H. Peden et al., A. J. Dowa et al., J. B. Porter et al., W. O. Huggins, R. M. Farrar, Aug. DeZevala, Chas. P. Shearn, V. H. Roos et al., Geo. H. Hamilton, Walter R. Jones et al., F. A. Hervey Jr. and from Jas. N. Leonard and Chas. A. Weatherford of Waco.

The Chair laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the Texas Bankers' Association endorsing the extension work of educational institutions as provided for by the Smith-Lever Act of Congress, and asking the Legislature to comply with the terms of the same by appropriating \$100,000 for the work during the next two years.

The Chair also laid before the Senate a resolution by the LaCoste F. E. and C. Union asking for a liberal appropriation for the Warehouse Department.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, May 26, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Darwin.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Gibson.
Bailey of Harris.	Harris.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Brelsford.	Johnson.
Clark.	King.
Conner.	Lattimore.
Cowell.	McCollum.

McGregor.
McNealus.
Morrow.
Nugent.
Page.
Parr.

Robbins.
Smith.
Suiter.
Townsend.
Westbrook.
Wiley.

Absent.

Hall.
Harley.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator King.

Simple Resolution No. 34.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Robbins:

Whereas, an ex-member of this body, Hon. Robt. L. Warren, is at this time in the Capitol building, and,

Whereas, This excellent gentleman and statesman has rendered this State a great service as a citizen and a Senator; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the Senate and to have the privileges of the floor as long as he is in the city.

ROBBINS,
HARLEY,
MCNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

The Chair appointed Senators Robbins, Harley and Clark as a committee to escort former Senator Warren to the President's stand. Senator Warren addressed the Senate briefly.

Excused.

On account of important business:

Senator Hall, for yesterday, today and the balance of the Session, on motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

Senator Henderson, for Saturday and today, on motion of Senator McNealus.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Page:

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the furnishing and engraving of a stone to be placed in Memorial Hall at the foot of Washington Monument in Washing-